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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

EVENS ET AL.

Examiner

Philip J. Sobutka

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2002.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. Claims 1,2,4,5,7,13-22, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Taubenheim et al (US 6,060,997).

Consider claims 1,5. Taubenheim teaches a method for targeted marketing in a paging system, note that it is inherent in a paging system to generate unique identification numbers for subscribers allowing messages to be targeted to select subscribers using the identification number. Taubenheim's method comprises: creating advertising scripts (see especially col 4, lines 32-45), and appending the advertisement scripts to page messages (see especially fig 6) for paging service subscriber having unique identification numbers (see especially col 2, line 53 – col 3, line 8).

As to claim 2, note that it is inherent in a paging system that the subscriber identification numbers are programmed into the subscribers and stored in a central database, Taubenheim teaches the transmissions to specific mobiles are based on correlations with the database identification (see especially col 5, lines 25-48).

As to claims 4,7, note that Taubenheim teaches the ad being transmitted after the message (see especially fig 6).

As to claims 13,18, note that Taubenheim teaches the use of capcodes (Taubenheim see especially col 9, lines 9-12).

As to claim 14,15,19,20, note that since each subscriber has a unique identifier, each capcode would correspond to the individual service.

As to claims 16,17,21,22 note that if an individual were sent several marketing pages, they would require a plurality of capcodes, one for each message.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taubenheim in view of DeLuca et al (US 5,870,030).

Taubenheim teaches everything claimed except for the ads being transmitted prior to the messages. DeLuca teaches transmitting ads prior to a message in order to ensure that the subscriber views the ad rather than viewing the message and ignoring the ad (DeLuca col 1, lines 35-38).

3. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taubenheim in view of Yeh et al (US 6,208,717).

Taubenheim teaches everything claimed except for the capcodes corresponding to residential, small or large business service types. Yeh et al teaches differentiating a messaging service on the basis of residential, small and large business types (Yeh; see especially col 10, lines 6-14). It would have been

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 1-3-02 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments regarding the generation of ID numbers are not persuasive. Note that a paging, or more selective calling, system must generate a number to identify each subscriber or group of subscribers, allowing the subscriber's receiver to select the message intended for it. Of course, when a message is to be sent

to a subscriber or group of subscribers, the proper ID number must also be determined, else the message could not be sent.

Conclusion

5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip J. Sobutka whose telephone number is 703-305-4825. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-6:00, alternate Fridays off.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on 703-308-5318. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-4700.



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